

* Note that the scales (left column) describing prevalence increase as age increases.

The DSB also organizes state services into four administrative areas. This is accomplished by combining the Asheville/Charlotte district offices (Area I); Winston-Salem district office is both a district and Area II office, the Raleigh/Fayetteville district offices (Area III), and the Greenville/Wilmington district offices (Area 4). With this organization, Areas I and III are slightly higher in number of residents who are blind or visually impaired while Areas II and IV are somewhat lower in incidence (Table 5). To illustrate the data represented in table 5 a graph of this information is included (see Figure 3). It is noteworthy that Area I (Asheville) has relatively greater numbers of individuals who are blind and low vision over the age of 85. This is related to the higher number of older people (age 85 and over) in that area and not to a higher risk of blindness or low vision.